

# **St. Francis de Sales Funeral Planning Resource**

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On behalf of the parish community of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of your loved one.

Please know that we are here to help you and support you during this difficult time. One of our Funeral Coordinators will assist you in the planning of the Funeral Mass, and will suggest ways for the family and friends to be personally involved.

The scripture readings and music suggestions appropriate for the Catholic Funeral Rite are included in this packet. They are beautiful passages of comfort, peace, and hope.

May God's strength and peace be with you.

## **Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the deceased and his or her family:**

The parish also offers the option of the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the deceased and his or her family about 30 minutes prior to the arrival of the family. This is done through a YouTube video. Prior to the video there are four slides that explain the significance of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You may access the YouTube to see if it is something you wish to have done for your family and loved one. <https://youtu.be/IJ79KovKx0A>

## **Chaplet of Divine Mercy Explanation:**

1. The regular Rosary of five decades is used for the prayer devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
2. "The two rays denote Blood and Water.... These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father...I (Diary, 299)
3. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 48)
4. "Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great MERCY at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once, will receive grace from My infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy" (diary of Sr. Faustina)

## **Processional and Recessional Songs:**

Amazing Grace

At the Cross

Because He Lives

Be Not Afraid

Here I am, Lord

How Great Thou Art

I Can Only Imagine

Lord of All Hopefulness

Morning Has Broken

On Eagles' Wings

Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)

The King of Love My Shepherd is

The Strife is O'er

## **Songs for the Presentation of Gifts:**

Amazing Grace

Ave Maria

Be Still My Soul

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Here I am, Lord

Hosea

How Great Thou Art

I Have Loved You

I Surrender All

Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)

The King of Love My Shepherd is

Yahweh, I know you are near

**Communion Songs**

At the Cross

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

I am the Bread of Life

I Have Loved You

I Surrender All

Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your  
Peace)

Remembrance

**Optional 2nd Communion Songs**

Ave Maria

Be Still My Soul

Jesus Remember Me

Panis Angelicus

**Song of Farwell**

Song of Farwell (male)

O loving God (male)

Song of Farewell (female)

O loving God (female)